

means for translating said spoken words and phrases
into a visual form which may be observed by a hearing
impaired person;

said translating means including means for
transforming said spoken words into equivalent signing
content and then into textual material;

means for outputting said textual material for display
on a device utilized by said hearing impaired person;

said device utilized by said hearing impaired person
including means for receiving words and phrases from the
hearing impaired person;

said system including a video apparatus for visually
observing any images of facial and hand and finger signing
motions of the hearing impaired person and converting any
observed signing motions into digital identifiers;

said transforming means converting said words and
phrases from the hearing impaired person into a form which
may be presented to a hearing person;

said transforming means including means for
translating said digital identifiers of said observed
signing motions into words and phrases;

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means for outputting said translated words and phrases
from said hearing impaired person; and

said outputting means including means for outputting
said words and phrases generated by the visual observation
of said signing motions in a comprehensible form to another
person.--

REMARKS

Re-examination and favorable reconsideration in light
of the above amendments and the following comments are
respectfully requested.

Claims 1 - 45 are pending in the application.
Currently, claims 1 - 32 stand allowed; and claims 33 - 45
stand rejected. By the present amendment, new claim 46 has
been added to the application.

In the office action mailed February 18, 2003, claims
33 - 45 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §251 as being an
improper recapture of broadened claimed subject matter
surrendered in the application for the patent upon which
reissue is based. It is submitted that the Examiner's
analysis of claims 33 - 45 is in error since independent